



Christmas

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Winnipeg, Man.

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CHRISTMAS DAY - 1949

Prelude:- Christmas Song, by Bowman

Choir:- Joy to the World

Processional Hymn:- O Come all ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels:

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,
CHRIST, THE LORD.

II

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above,
Glory to God
In the highest.

III

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesu, to Thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing.

The Service
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and let the earth be glad, be glad before
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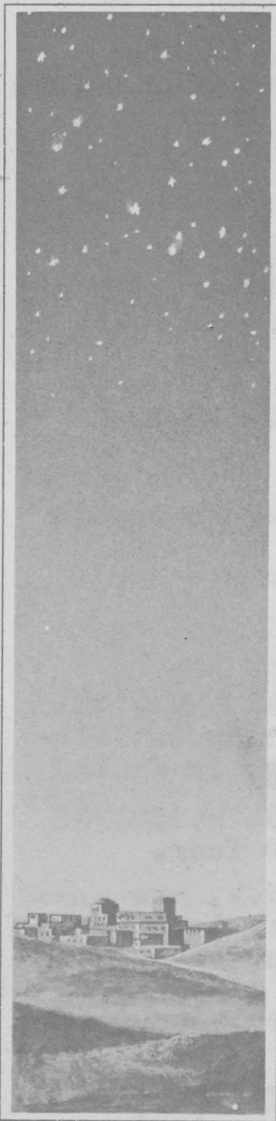
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! May the
grace of Him Who was born this day in Beth-
lehem, direct and strengthen you in faith.

ALSO, WE PRAY GOD'S BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS
upon you all throughout the New Year.

THOSE desiring Communion today, are asked
to remain after the close of the last hymn.
A short order for public confession will
precede the Communion. Please sign and
hand in the communion card given you by the
usher.

NEXT SUNDAY, (NEW YEAR'S DAY), Service
at 11 A.M. Begin the New Year in God's
House. Call upon His Name! SUNDAY SCHOOL
at 10 A.M. next Sunday.

THE WONDER OF HIS LOVE



WONDER belongs to Christmas. That's one reason Christmas makes a difference. For a few days each year we forget to take one another for granted. For a little while the brittle modern world stops trying to be sophisticated. A busy civilization takes the day off and yields to the wonder of this glad season.

Poets and musicians, artists and preachers—all have sought to express the wonder of Christmas. Some have approached a description of its riches; no one has exhausted its splendor. Unequalled is that simple record of shepherds who came, and saw, and wondered.

Their story is briefly told. Short was their journey from the field of the flock to the city of David. To them came the shining declaration that God had kept His promise. The wonder of that divine event set voices singing through the centuries and 'round the world.

These were the men who first beheld His glory. The promise of God called them. The wonder of God rewarded them. In adoration rapt and still the shepherds knelt on that morning of Christ's Nativity.

Great was the hope of God's people who dwelt in darkness but dreamed of light. Great was the faith of shepherds who dared to believe. Great, above all other things, was the manger's fulfillment.

The wonder of Christ's Nativity made evangelists of the shepherds. "They made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." May the wonder of Christmas make evangelists of us all.

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